

ANY ER TO BE IN FORCE SOON

Rockwell and Empire Firms Consolidated in April Close Separate Businesses Today.

The Rockwell Ice & Fuel company and the Empire Coal & Ice company have been consolidated into a capital stock of \$50,000. The consolidation which was decided upon by the heads of both companies on April 7 will go into effect Tuesday morning. The new firm will be known as the Rockwell Empire Coal & Ice company. Officers and a board of directors will be elected at a meeting of the stockholders in both firms sometime next week.

The offices of the new firm will be located at the old Empire Coal & Ice company office, 215 Twentieth street. The fixtures of the Rockwell Ice & Coal company have been moved into the new offices. The object of the consolidation is to give the fuel and ice buying public better service and to conduct the new company with the greatest efficiency possible.

Both firms have been operating separately since the consolidation was decided upon in April but the process of filing legal papers will be completed Tuesday morning when the new company will begin.

Both Experienced Men.
F. H. Rockwell, who was manager of the Rockwell Ice & Fuel company, has been in the coal and ice business in Rock Island 14 years. John T. Campbell, manager of the Empire Ice & Coal company, has been in the fuel business in this city 12 years. Both have had many years of experience in this work and the new company will continue the same quality of service as has been given previously.

LIGHTS CAUSE OF AUTO AND TRUCK CRASH, IS CLAIM

An automobile and truck were both damaged in a collision at 5:30 o'clock last night at the intersection of Twentieth street and Ninth avenue.

The truck, owned by the Martin Woods company, Davenport, was dimly lighted, M. J. Jones, 1229 Fourteenth street, who was driving the automobile, said this morning in reporting the accident at the Rock Island police station. The truck was driven by C. L. Stout, Davenport.

The windshields on both cars were smashed and the radiator of the Jones car was dented. No one was injured.

An ancient days a puppet show was called a "motion," and those in charge "motion-masters."

RUDOLF'S LAURELS THREATENED; REAL SHEIK INVADERS BROADWAY

BY MARGARET ROHE.

Of Edward Bing I herewith sing.
At being sheik.
He's had a fling.
Likewise a bey
And everything.
A champion
In boxing ring.
He swung indeed
A wicked wing.
His life's been just
One "bing, bing, bing."

New York, Dec. 30.—Ch. Dodolph Valentino, you must to your laurels look, for there's a real live sheik just come to town. He's pink and white, unmarried and he's only 28, and he's done lots of things to win renown.

His name is Dr. Edward Bing. The doctor part, you see, means neither church nor medicine at all. It was acquired at Oxford, where he took philosophy, and that is where he gets the doctor call. In common law, while he was there, he graduated, too. He also took a special research course. He speaks just seven languages, with smatterings of more, and yet for knowledge lack he feels remorse.

By birth he is Hungarian, was born at Budapest, but on his father's side he's Scotch descent. Of Austrian and English blood, his mother's forebears were, and so when war came he was sadly rent. He didn't want to fight against his closest friends, and so he packed his kit and toward the east he steered, and then, because he likes the Turks, he cast his lot with them, and in the Turkish army volunteered.

With Kemal Pasha's army he was captain and he fought in Palestine, Gallipoli, as well. The Turkish government, in recognition of his deeds, made him a bey—a Turkish title—swell.

Head Chin Chief.
It happened as an officer of the Turkish army, that big head of Bedouins, Anese, it is named. Young Bing did splendid service in them all. And so the grateful sultan made him a chief of class. He has ten sons or families "neath his back." So he's a sheik (pronounced "sheik")—we're always called "sheik." To rhyme with shiek is the proper way).

A champion of boxing, too, I forgot to say, of middle weight. He was this happened and, of course, he's champion now. Perhaps boxing Turkish pasts too true. Now Bing, hey, the noble black and doctor, credits to New York has come, about to look. They learn a sheik is here. They sound to just adore his look.

He's written it on Turkey—on the way of today. There's no one knows the subject more than he. On harem and on harems and

TWELVE BEST MOVIES OF 1922



PAULINE GARON.



HENRY MURDOCH.

New York, Dec. 30.—Here are my selections for the usual list of "the 12 best photoplays" of the year. In the last 12 months I have reviewed approximately 3,200,000 feet of film, three-fourths of which represented feature photoplays, a total of more than 250 such films. Selection of the following as the 12 best was based on that experience:

"One Glorious Day."
"The Stroke of Midnight."
"Grandma's Boy."
"Nanook of the North."
"Orphans of the Storm."
"Trouble."
"Robin Hood."
"Clarence."
"When Knighthood Was in Flower."
"Tess of the Storm Country."
"Oliver Twist."
"The Storm."

also have been named in the list were it not for its insane ending. In that, Elsie Ferguson did the best acting of the year.

Short subjects have not been considered in the above list. They will be treated separately. "And Women Must Weep." Robert Bruce's two-reel classic, ranks as one of the most notable contributions yet made to the screen.

Stars at Fort Armstrong



Douglas MacLean and Madge Bellamy in "The Hottentot"

ART NOT PROFITABLE

By James W. Dean.



PERCY MAC KAYE.

New York, Dec. 30.—Percy MacKaye and I have just been talking about the movies. He knows infinitely more about the fine arts than I do. His ideas about the movies seem to be somewhat indefinite. I think the truth of the matter is that Percy MacKaye until now has paid little attention to the photoplay because he in no way considered it an art.

films were artistic successes. They didn't make big profits. Poets usually are pictured starving to death in an attic. MacKaye, through his poetry, has earned a little studio among the oaks and beeches on the lower campus of Miami University, Oxford, Ohio. He holds the first university Fellowship in Poetry established in America.

When MacKaye presented a masque at Harvard stadium, Kenneth MacGowan was stage manager and press agent, and Robert Edmond Jones played a fiddle in the orchestra. MacGowan now ranks among the country's leading dramatic critics and is author of several books on the theater. Jones is recognized by many as the foremost scenic designer of the stage.

Players at Spencer Square



Jacqueline Logan and James Kirkwood in a scene from the Paramount picture "Ebb Tide" A George Melford Production

He is, at least, this writer's favorite.

The vast difference between the stage and screen as mediums of expression is brought to mind by the work of Edna Hibbard as the leading lady in Sophie Treadwell's stage play, "Gringo." She impressed me as one of the most capable actresses I have seen this season, yet analysis of her work shows that her effect is gained almost entirely through her voice. Her portrayal would have been ineffective on the screen.

Picture rights to "Irene" and "Babbitt" have been bought by Warner Brothers. Enid Bennett will be Charlie Ray's leading woman in "The

Courtship of Miles Standish." Fred Warren will enact the role of Miles Standish.

SARAH'S SPIRIT.

Paris, Dec. 30.—Sarah Bernhardt, said in an interview that she had sufficiently recovered from her recent illness so that she hoped to return to the stage Wednesday night.

MINE WORKERS' PLAN.

Washington, Dec. 30.—The United Mine Workers make public plans for a nationalization of all coal mines in the United States at first cost to government of about four and a half billion dollars.

TWO GUN DEATHS IN MOLINE 1922 CRIME CALENDAR

William Oldfield and Ben Quintano Are Shot in Quarrels—Gem and Whisky Robberies.

(Special Motive service.) William Oldfield and Ben Quintano, "king of the Mexicans," were killed, the Pearson gems valued at \$30,000 were stolen, two street car operators were held up and robbed and 20 gallons of whisky were stolen from the Moline city hospital. Those were the outstanding episodes in Moline's crime record for 1922.

Constable C. B. Ellis is serving a year's sentence in the county jail for the Oldfield death. Quintano was killed by Julia Alba in the latter's bar on Third avenue. He was exonerated, the coroner's jury deciding that the shooting was a self-defense. Both gun deaths occurred in July. Oldfield was shot at his home on July 1. Quintano was shot on July 29.

The first street car hold-up occurred on March 15, the bandit getting \$50. On July 2 another bandit obtained \$50. Both hold-ups occurred at the end of the Prospect park line.

The bonded whisky taken from the cellar of the hospital on Sept. 1 was valued at \$400. The Pearson robbery occurred Dec. 18. The offices of the International Life & Trust company were entered Sept. 3 and \$100 in cash was taken.

There were 43 burglaries and nine hold-ups in 1922. In 1921 there were 91 burglaries and 22 hold-ups.

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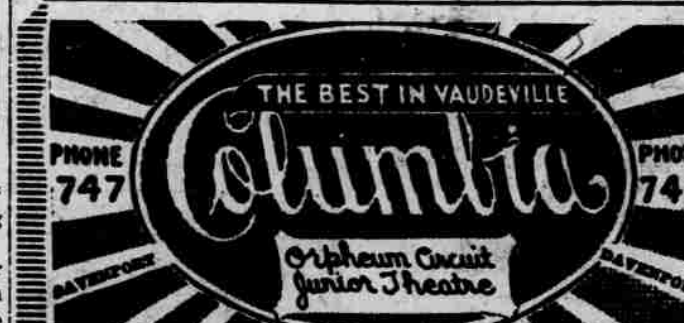
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In the Lodges

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